

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 5, 11, 14, 20-22 and 24 and add new claims 26-27 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A disk unit for reading information from or writing information to a disk by means of a head supported by an actuator, the disk and the actuator being contained in a housing of the disk unit, the disk unit comprising:

a shroud having a face perpendicular to a surface of the disk and opposing a peripheral edge of the disk; and

a spoiler having a given height in a direction perpendicular to the surface of the disk and extending above the surface of the disk from the peripheral edge generally toward a center of the disk,

wherein said shroud has an end in the rotational direction of the disk, the end being separated from a surface of said spoiler by a ~~distance~~spacing of 5 mm or less, the surface receiving airflow generated by disk rotation.

2. (Original) The disk unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein said shroud and said spoiler are provided in a counter-rotational direction of the disk from the actuator.

3. (Original) The disk unit as claimed in claim 2, wherein said shroud is provided in the counter-rotational direction of the disk from said spoiler.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) The disk unit as claimed in claim ~~4~~26, wherein said shroud and said spoiler are formed integrally with each other.

6. (Original) The disk unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the face of said shroud is curved along the peripheral edge of the disk.

7. (Original) The disk unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the face of said shroud is flat.

8-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A disk unit comprising:

a disk;

an actuator for supporting a head that reads information from or writes information to the disk;

a first member for regulating airflow generated by disk rotation so that the airflow flows in a rotational direction of the disk; and

a second member for receiving and regulating the airflow regulated by said first

member so as to prevent the airflow from flowing toward the actuator,

wherein said first member has an end in the rotational direction of the disk, the end being separated from a surface of said second member by a ~~distance~~spacing of 5 mm or less, the surface receiving airflow generated by disk rotation.

12. (Original) The disk unit as claimed in claim 11, wherein said first and second members are provided in a counter-rotational direction of the disk from the actuator.

13. (Original) The disk unit as claimed in claim 12, wherein said first member is provided in the counter-rotational direction of the disk from said second member.

14. (Currently amended) The disk unit as claimed in claim ~~11~~27, wherein said first and second members are integrally formed with each other.

15. (Original) The disk unit as claimed in claim 11, wherein the airflow is regulated by said second member to flow in a radial direction of the disk.

16. (Original) The disk unit as claimed in claim 11, wherein said first member is a shroud and said second member is a spoiler.

17. (Original) A disk unit comprising:

a disk;

an actuator for supporting a head that reads information from or writes information to the disk; and

an airflow-regulating member for receiving and regulating airflow generated by disk rotation so as to prevent the airflow from flowing toward the actuator, the airflow-regulating member being provided in proximity to a boundary between a first area where an inner wall of a housing of the disk runs side by side with a peripheral edge of the disk and a second area where a distance between the inner wall and the peripheral edge becomes longer than in the first area.

18. (Original) The disk unit as claimed in claim 17, wherein said airflow-regulating member is provided in a counter-rotational direction of the disk from the actuator.

19. (Original) The disk unit as claimed in claim 17, wherein said airflow-regulating member is a spoiler.

20. (Currently amended) A disk unit for reading information from or writing information to a disk by means of a head supported by an actuator, the disk and the actuator being contained in a housing of the disk unit, the disk unit comprising:

a shroud having a face perpendicular to a surface of the disk and opposing a peripheral edge of the disk; and

a spoiler having a given height in a direction perpendicular to the surface of the disk and extending above the surface of the disk from the peripheral edge to a center of the disk,

wherein the spoiler includes an upright part extending in the direction perpendicular to the surface of the disk, and includes at least one tooth extending from the upright part toward the center of the disk and having a length between 1mm and 25mm,

wherein said shroud has an end in the rotational direction of the disk, the end being separated from a surface of said spoiler by a ~~distance~~spacing of 5 mm or less, the surface receiving airflow generated by disk rotation.

21. (Currently amended) A disk unit comprising:

a disk;

an actuator for supporting a head that reads information from or writes information to the disk;

a first member for regulating airflow generated by disk rotation so that the airflow flows in a rotational direction of the disk; and

a second member for receiving and regulating the airflow regulated by said first member so as to prevent the airflow from flowing toward the actuator,

wherein the second member includes an upright part extending in a direction perpendicular to a surface of the disk, and includes at least one tooth extending from the upright part toward a center of the disk and having a length between 1mm and 25mm,

wherein said first member has an end in the rotational direction of the disk, the end being separated from a surface of said second member by a ~~distance~~spacing of 5 mm or less, the surface receiving airflow generated by disk rotation.

22. (Currently amended) A disk unit for reading information from or writing information to a disk by means of a head supported by an actuator, the disk and the actuator being contained in a housing of the disk unit, the disk unit comprising:

a shroud having a face perpendicular to a surface of the disk and opposing a peripheral edge of the disk; and

a spoiler having a given height in a direction perpendicular to the surface of the disk and extending above the surface of the disk from the peripheral edge to a center of the disk,

wherein the spoiler is formed of a metal or resin material, and

wherein said shroud has an end in the rotational direction of the disk, the end being separated from a surface of said spoiler by a ~~distance~~spacing of 5 mm or less, the surface receiving airflow generated by disk rotation.

23. (Previously presented) The disk unit as claimed in claim 22, wherein the material of the spoiler is selected from stainless steel, aluminum alloy, and polycarbonate.

24. (Currently amended) A disk unit comprising:

- a disk;
- an actuator for supporting a head that reads information from or writes information to the disk;
- a first member for regulating airflow generated by disk rotation so that the airflow flows in a rotational direction of the disk; and
- a second member for receiving and regulating the airflow regulated by said first member so as to prevent the airflow from flowing toward the actuator,

wherein the second member is formed of a metal or resin material, and

wherein said first member has an end in the rotational direction of the disk, the end being separated from a surface of said second member by a ~~distance~~spacing of 5 mm or less, the surface receiving airflow generated by disk rotation.

25. (Previously presented) The disk unit as claimed in claim 24, wherein the material of the spoiler is selected from stainless steel, aluminum alloy, and polycarbonate.

26. (New) A disk unit for reading information from or writing information to a disk by means of a head supported by an actuator, the disk and the actuator being contained in a housing of the disk unit, the disk unit comprising:

a shroud having a face perpendicular to a surface of the disk and opposing a peripheral edge of the disk; and

a spoiler having a given height in a direction perpendicular to the surface of the disk and extending above the surface of the disk from the peripheral edge to a center of the disk,

wherein the spoiler includes an upright part extending in the direction perpendicular to the surface of the disk, and includes at least one tooth extending from the upright part toward the center of the disk and having a length between 1 mm and 25 mm.

27. (New) A disk unit, comprising:

a disk;

an actuator for supporting a head that reads information from or writes information to the disk;

a first member for regulating airflow generated by disk rotation so that the airflow flows in a rotational direction of the disk; and

a second member for receiving and regulating the airflow regulated by said first member so as to prevent the airflow from flowing toward the actuator,



wherein the second member includes an upright part extending in a direction perpendicular to a surface of the disk, and includes at least one tooth extending from the upright part toward a center of the disk and having a length between 1 mm and 25 mm.